

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1-10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously Presented) A method for producing injection molded article, comprising the steps of:

forming pellets of a coated substance after impregnating a natural fiber (B) in a lactic acid based resin (A) by drawing;

adding a further portion of the lactic acid based resin (A) to the pellets of the coated substance and kneading the resultant mixture to form pellets; and

forming an injection molded article from the pellets obtained after the kneading.

12. (New) The method according to claim 11, wherein the natural fiber (B) contains 40 mass% to 60 mass% of cellulose and 10 mass% to 30 mass% of lignin.

13. (New) The method according to claim 12, wherein the resultant mixture comprises lactic acid based resin (A) and natural fiber (B) in a mass ratio of 99:1 to 70:30.

14. (New) The method according to claim 13, wherein the lactic acid based resin (A) has either one of a resin composition ratio of L-lactic acid:D-lactic acid=100:0 to 97:3 or L-lactic acid:D-lactic acid=0:100 to 3:97.

15. (New) The method according to claim 14, wherein the resin composition has a crystallization heat peak temperature (T<sub>c</sub>) of 100°C or more.